

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A control method relating to image formation, comprising the steps of:

judging whether a document written in a structured tag language comprises tags which can cause ~~disagreement~~ a conflict between the order in which ~~the~~ coordinate positions of objects are determined and the order in which ~~the~~ images of objects are formed;

performing control, when said tags are judged to be comprised, such that processing to form images is executed after completing ~~the end of~~ processing to determine coordinate positions; and

performing control, when said tags are judged not to be comprised, such that processing to form images is initiated before processing to determine coordinate positions is completed ~~and processing to form images are executed in parallel~~.

2. (currently amended): A control method relating to image formation, comprising the steps of:

judging whether a document written in a structured tag language comprises tags which can impede ~~the parallel execution of~~ initiating processing to form images of objects before completing processing to determine the coordinate positions of objects and processing to form the images of objects;

performing control, when said tags are judged to be comprised, such that processing to form images is executed after completing the end-of-processing to determine coordinate positions; and

performing control, when said tags are judged not to be comprised, such that processing to form images is initiated before processing to determine coordinate positions is completed and processing to form images are executed in parallel.

3. (currently amended): The control method relating to image formation according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein said judgment and said control are performed for ~~the~~ an entire document or for a portion thereof according to ~~the~~ a type of said tags.

4. (original): The control method relating to image formation according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein said tags comprise at least one among "position"-type tags, "margin"-type tags, "line\_height"-type tags, "img"-type tags, and "counter"-type tags.

5. (currently amended): A computer readable medium containing instructions for causing a computer to perform operations, ~~control apparatus relating to image formation,~~ comprising:

~~judgment means for~~ judging whether a document written in a structured tag language comprises tags which can cause ~~disagreement~~ a conflict between the order in which ~~the~~

coordinate positions of objects are determined and the order in which ~~the~~ images of objects are formed; ~~and~~

~~performing, control means which,~~ when said tags are judged to be comprised, ~~performs~~ control such that processing to form images is executed after completing ~~the end of~~ processing to determine coordinate positions; and ~~positions, and;~~

~~performing,~~ when said tags are judged not to be comprised, ~~performs~~ control such that processing to form images is initiated before processing to determine coordinate positions is completed and processing to form images are executed in parallel.

6. . (currently amended): A computer readable medium containing instructions for causing a computer to perform operations, ~~control apparatus relating to image formation,~~ comprising:

~~judgment means for~~ judging whether a document written in a structured tag language comprises tags which can impede ~~the parallel execution of~~ initiating processing to form images of objects before completing processing to determine ~~the~~ coordinate positions of objects ~~and processing to form the images of objects; and~~

~~performing, control means which,~~ when said tags are judged to be comprised, ~~performs~~ control such that processing to form images is executed after completing ~~the end of~~ processing to determine coordinate positions; and ~~positions, and;~~

performing, when said tags are judged not to be comprised, ~~performs~~ control such that processing to form images is initiated before processing to determine coordinate positions is completed and ~~processing to form images are executed in parallel~~.

7. (canceled).
8. (canceled).
9. (canceled).
10. (canceled).
11. (canceled).
12. (canceled).
13. (canceled).

14. (new): A control apparatus, comprising:

an input circuit that inputs tags corresponding to a document written in a structured tag language; and

a control circuit that determines if the tags indicate a potential conflict between an order in which coordinate positions of objects contained in the document are determined and an order in which images of the objects are formed,

wherein, when the tags indicate the potential conflict, the control circuit forms the images after completely determining the coordinate positions, and

wherein, when the tags do not indicate the potential conflict, the control circuit begins forming the images before completely determining the coordinate positions.

15. (new): A control apparatus, comprising:

an input circuit that inputs tags corresponding to a document written in a structured tag language; and

a control circuit that determines if the tags indicate a potential impediment to forming images of objects contained in the document before completely determining coordinate positions of the objects,

wherein, when the tags indicate the potential impediment, the control circuit forms the images after completely determining the coordinate positions, and

wherein, when the tags do not indicate the potential impediment, the control circuit begins forming the images before completely determining the coordinate positions.